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1. Dr. Joseph Wirth, former German chancellor, claims that he saw Lavrenti Beria in Berlin-Karlshorst in December 1952. The arrangements for the meeting were made by Dr. Erwin Respondek, formerly of the German Foreign Service, who was also present at the interview.
  2. Wirth alleges that he has been asked to take over an important post in a new East German government which, he was told, will be established soon. He was told by Beria that the Russians are planning a new policy toward Germany, and was asked to collaborate in it.

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